

REMARKS

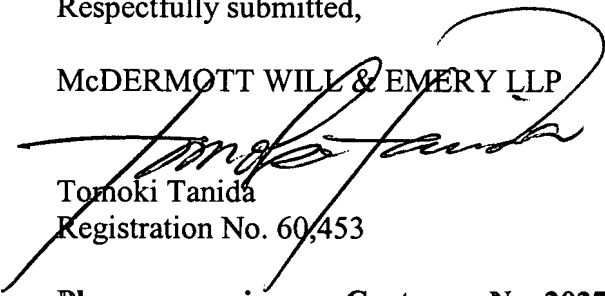
Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's allowance of claims 11-14 and indication that this application is in condition for allowance if non-elected claims 15 and 16 are canceled. In this Amendment, claims 15 and 16 have been canceled without prejudice, reserving right to prosecution in a continuation application. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter.

Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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